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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action for the above-identified patent application, mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on February 27, 2003. Applicants enclose a petition for a one month extension of time extending the date for response by one month up to and including June 27, 2003 and a check to cover the extension fees. Applicants believe that no other fees are due. Should Applicants be in error, please charge Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

REQUEST FOR TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW

The undersigned respectfully requests a telephonic interview with Examiner Epps-Ford prior to issuance of a further Office Action in the instant application. The undersigned believes that an interview with Examiner Epps-Ford may be sufficient to resolve any issues remaining in the case. The Examiner is invited to telephone Diana Steel at 617-310-8168 to arrange a convenient time for the interview.

Please amend the application as follows: